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AMENDMENTSTOTHEDRAWINGS:

There are no amendments to the drawings presented herewith.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3 and 4 remain in this application.

No new subject matter has been introduced.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states:

Claim 4 recites, that "the two catches are coplanar to one another and perpendicular to said two catches" and it is unclear how the two catches can be both coplanar and perpendicular to themselves.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 4 describes the orientation of the catches four prime (4') in relationship to each other as being coplanar and in relationship to catches four (4) as being perpendicular. In similar fashion catches four (4) are describes as being coplanar to one another. Applicant suggests that the Examiner may have confused the catches four (4) with the catches four prime (4'). A careful reading of the claim will clearly show that there is no description of any catches being simultaneously coplanar and perpendicular. When viewed in this light the claims do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4462564 to Alves et al. Specifically, the Examiner states:

The patent to Alves et al. teaches an electrical distribution box having a body (14) and a lid the body having a mounting extension terminating in a plurality of mounting catches (51, 51') arranged in a U configuration and are coplanar to one another and perpendicular, and a sheet metal mounting support brackets (70) having a plurality of complementary catch receiving means having two end tabs and two notches.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The key to Applicants' invention is an automotive electrical distribution box which has and integral mounting support which allows for the detachable but stable mounting of said electrical distribution box to a sheet

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metal mounting support bracket. The lid or cover of applicant's automotive electrical distribution box is not used to mount or support the box.

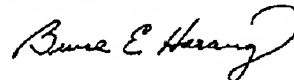
A fair reading of Alves et al. reference discloses a radio mounting frame body 22 having sides 30 having located thereon a plurality of slots 50, 51, 52, 50', 51', and 52'. Likewise mounting frame body 22 has ends 34 having located thereon a plurality of slots 54 and 56 (see for example, Col.4, lines 3 – 33 and 53 – 64). The slots accept screws 78 to allow fastening to mounting brackets 70 at base parts 76 (see for example, Col. 4, lines 53 – 64 and Col. 5, lines 10 – 17). These mounting brackets 70 or 90 are then in turn mounted by means of additional screws to the automobile dashboard (see for example, Col. 5, lines 18 – 22). This reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest an electrical distribution box of any kind. The reference also does not teach catches of any kind, but instead the use of slots. These slots allow for the use of screws to mount metal brackets to both the radio mounting frame and the automobile dashboard.

Applicant's claimed invention does not require slots to allow for mounting of the electrical distribution box to a mounting bracket using screws. Applicant's claimed invention therefore eliminates a critical element of the Alves et al. reference. Instead applicant's claimed invention provides an electrical distribution box which allows for the mounting of the box and lid assembly to a support bracket without the need for screws.

Clearly, when viewed in this light the Alves et al. reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the electronically controlled electrical arc protection of Applicants' present invention.

In view of the remarks herein, and the amendments hereto, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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